

Chaplaincy Report for St Paul's Monte Carlo.

As for every other Parish in the Diocese (and everywhere else!), 2020 was a very difficult year for St Paul's Monte Carlo. Our difficulties were exacerbated by the fact that for the second half of the year we had no Incumbent.

When the initial lock down was eased, and we were able to hold in-person services again, we were very fortunate in being able to call on the assistance of our neighbouring Priest, Fr Tony Ingham. He presided over all our services at St Paul's as well as in his own Church. We could not have managed without him.

We would also have struggled to have continued on as we did without our Parish Administrator, Frances, and our Concierge/Sacristan, Anna, both of whom have worked tirelessly to enable St Paul's to function from week to week.

Due in large part to their efforts we have been able to hold services every Sunday, when permitted, and regularly have 25/30 people in our congregation (socially distanced, hand sanitized and registered!) Initially we were not able to have live music but now we are able to have our Musical Director, Errol, play the organ, which provides a moving focus during parts of our service and goes some way to making up for the lack of singing.

During the year we also celebrated one wedding and one baptism. Sadly, we have also held 2 funeral services.

The Church Council has continued to work hard in spite of the many challenges and a heartfelt vote of thanks is due to all of its members for their efforts in ensuring that St Paul's has continued to function as a centre of Anglican Fellowship here in Monaco.

Thanks to the support of the Diocese, we have an Interim Minister, Fr David Roper, coming soon in order to lead us for the foreseeable future. He would have been here 4 months ago but for the chaos caused by Brexit. Hopefully he will arrive here soon and, together with the vaccine and a return to more normal ways, 2021 will prove to be a much better year for all at St Paul's.

Simon Trowell,
Church Warden.